



AN ACT PROVIDING A 30-DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR RENEWALS OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS;  
AND AMENDING SECTION 45-8-322, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 45-8-322, MCA, is amended to read:

**"45-8-322. Application, renewal, permit, and fees.** (1) The application form must be readily available at the sheriff's office and must read as follows:

CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT APPLICATION

To be completed by each person making application:

- RESIDENT OF MONTANA AT LEAST 6 MONTHS    ( ) Yes    ( ) No
- CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES    ( ) Yes    ( ) No
- 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER    ( ) Yes    ( ) No

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Full name:

Last

First

Middle

Alias/Maiden/Nickname:

Address: Home:

Zip

Employer: .....

Zip

Phone:

/

/

Home

Employer

Message

Place of birth:

Date of birth:

Driver's license #:

Issuing state:

Social Security # (optional):

Sex ..... Ht. .... Wt. .... Eyes ..... Hair .....

LIST EACH FORMER EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS ENGAGED IN FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS:

	Employer or business name	Address	Dates of employment
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

LIST EACH PLACE IN WHICH YOU HAVE LIVED FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS:

	City	State	Dates of residence
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

MILITARY SERVICE, BRANCH	FROM	TO
TYPE OF DISCHARGE	RANK UPON DISCHARGE	

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED FOR OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR FOUND GUILTY IN A COURT-MARTIAL PROCEEDING?

( ) YES( ) NO

IF YES, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (Exceptions: minor traffic violations) (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

City	State	Charge	Date

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

LIST THREE PERSONS WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS THAT WILL BE CREDIBLE WITNESSES TO YOUR GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND PEACEABLE DISPOSITION (DO NOT include relatives or present/past employers):

Name	Address	Phone
1.		
2.		
3.		

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS FOR REQUESTING THIS PERMIT (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

I, the undersigned applicant, swear that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is given with the full knowledge that any misstatement may be sufficient cause for denial or revocation of a permit to carry a concealed weapon. I authorize any person having information concerning me that relates to the information requested by this application and the requirements for a concealed weapon permit, either public record or otherwise, to furnish it to the sheriff to whom this application is made.

.....  
Signature

.....  
Date of application

This application must be signed in the presence of the sheriff or a designee.

(2) The application must be in triplicate. The applicant must be given the original at the time the

completed application is filed with the sheriff, the sheriff shall keep a copy for at least 4 years, and a copy must, within 7 days of the sheriff's receipt of the application, be mailed to the chief of police if the applicant resides in a city or town with a police force.

(3) The fee for issuance of a permit is \$50. The permit must be renewed for additional 4-year periods upon payment of a \$25 fee for each renewal and upon request for renewal made within 90 days before expiration of the permit with a 30-day grace period after the expiration. The permit and each renewal must be in triplicate, in a form prescribed by the department of justice, and must, at a minimum, include the name, address, physical description, signature, driver's license number, state identification card number, or tribal identification card number, and a picture of the permittee. A person in the United States armed forces satisfies the requirement of submitting a picture if the person submits pictures of the front of the person's military identification card and the person's Montana driver's license. The permit must state that federal and state laws on possession of firearms and other weapons differ and that a person who violates the federal law may be prosecuted in federal court and the Montana permit will not be a defense. The permittee must be given the original, and the sheriff shall keep a copy and send a copy to the department of justice, which shall keep a central repository record of all permits. Replacement of a lost permit must be treated as a renewal under this subsection.

(4) The sheriff shall conduct a background check of an applicant to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a permit under 45-8-321, may require an applicant to submit the applicant's fingerprints, and may charge the applicant \$5 for fingerprinting. A renewal does not require repeat fingerprinting.

(5) Permit, background, and fingerprinting fees may be retained by the sheriff and used to implement 45-8-321 through 45-8-324.

(6) A state or local government law enforcement agency or other agency or any of its officers or employees may not request a permittee to voluntarily submit information in addition to that required on an application and permit.

(7) All of the information on the application is confidential, and the sheriff shall treat the confidential information on the application as confidential criminal justice information pursuant to Title 44, chapter 5."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 659, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 659

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